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Studies on the Proton Magnetic Resonance Spectra in Aromatic  
Systems, I. Discussions on the Para-disubstituted-,  
1-Substituted-3,4-Dimethoxy- and 1-Substituted-  
3,4-Methylenedioxy Benzene Derivatives.

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Proton magnetic resonance spectra of para-disubstituted benzene, 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy- and 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene series are investigated in the following items :

1. Ring proton chemical shift and shielding parameter.
2. Ring proton coupling constant and electronegativity of the substituent.
3. Inspection on the analysis of the spectra.
4. Side chain proton shift and Hammett's constant.

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It is often a troublesome task for organic chemist to analyse the ring proton magnetic resonance spectra in aromatic systems because of the unfavorable  $J/\delta$  ratios. But, to resolve this difficulty, deuterium exchange by chemical method and spin decoupling are utilized, but they are not always effective.

However, for the estimation of the ring proton chemical shift in aromatic systems, the utilities of the so-called shielding parameters<sup>1~3)</sup> are recently expected, which are the measures of the chemical shifts in the ortho, meta and para position caused by the substituents on the benzene nucleus.

In the present study, we have tried to estimate the reliability and the practical utility of a simple sum method of the shielding parameter, which had been previously suggested by P.L. Corio, *et al.*<sup>4)</sup> and H.S. Gutowsky, *et al.*<sup>5)</sup> in substituted benzene derivatives.

Hitherto, in aromatic systems many discussions have been established on the correlation of side chain proton shifts and Hammett's constants, but few clear-cut results have been obtained in the ring proton chemical shift and coupling constant owing to the co-operative effect of the ring current, the magnetic anisotropy of the substituent, etc.

In this papers, the proton magnetic resonance spectra of para-disubstituted benzene series, 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy- and 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene series were studied in the following items :

1. Ring proton chemical shifts and shielding parameters in the para-disubstituted benzene series, 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy- and 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene series.
2. Ring proton coupling constants and electronegativities of substituents in 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxybenzene series.
3. Analyses of the spectra in 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy- and 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene series.

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#### 4. Side chain proton chemical shifts in 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy- and 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene series.

### Experimentals

**Materials** All samples were prepared by the authorized procedures.

**Measurements of Spectra**—1) All spectra were measured with a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer Model H-60 type spectrometer. The spectra were measured in dil.  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution (ca.  $2.5 \times 10^{-2}$  mol) and in dil.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution (ca. 0.5~1.0 mol), calibrated using  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  as an internal reference. The resolution was checked by  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  quartets ( $\leq 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$ ), and the accuracies of chemical shift and coupling constant were within 1.2 c.p.s. and 0.2 c.p.s., respectively.

2) Positive sign indicates a more shielding than that in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , negative sign indicates a less shielding.

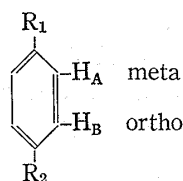
### Results and Discussions

#### I. Ring Proton Chemical Shifts

##### 1) Para-disubstituted Benzene Series

In 1962, J. S. Martin and B. P. Dailey<sup>6)</sup> established the analyses of the ring proton chemical shift in numerous para-disubstituted benzene series.

Now we arranged their results in the derivatives of nitrobenzene, toluene, chlorobenzene, bromobenzene, aniline and benzene.



$R_1 = \text{NO}_2, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{H}, \text{CH}_3, \text{NH}_2$

$R_2 = \text{variable substituent}$

If the simple sum rule of the substituent's shielding parameter holds in these series, the ring proton chemical shifts  $\delta_{\text{H}_A}$  and  $\delta_{\text{H}_B}$  are as follows:

$$\delta_{\text{H meta}} = d_o - R_1 + d_m - R_2$$

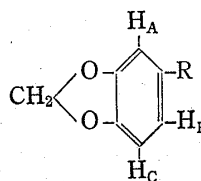
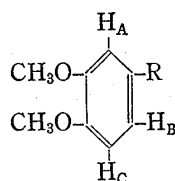
$$\delta_{\text{H ortho}} = d_o - R_2 + d_m - R_1$$

As is illustrated in Table I, the observed shifts<sup>6)</sup> are compared with those of the calculated values from 3 parameters,<sup>1-3)</sup> and among their data<sup>6)</sup> linear  $\delta_{\text{H meta}}/\delta_{\text{H ortho}}$  relations, which are also accepted from  $d_m - R/d_o - R$  ratio, of different gradient are obtained (cf. Fig. 1 and 2), and these correlations are shown as below (cf. Table II).

Accordingly, in these series the contribution from the perturbation provided by 2 substituents in para position affects a little on the ring proton shift, therefore, for the practical purpose, we are able to estimate the ring proton shift within  $\pm 0.1$  p.p.m.

##### 2) 1-Substituted-3,4-dimethoxybenzene Series and 1-Substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy Benzene Series

In the above two series, whenever the substituent R is electron attracting or



6) J. S. Martin, B. P. Dailey: J. Chem. Phys., **37**, 2594 (1962).

TABLE I.

R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Observed		Calcd. <sup>2)</sup>		Calcd. <sup>3)</sup>		Calcd. <sup>1)</sup>	
		H <sub>A</sub>	H <sub>B</sub>	H <sub>A</sub>	H <sub>B</sub>	H <sub>A</sub>	H <sub>B</sub>	H <sub>A</sub>	H <sub>B</sub>
NH <sub>2</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	0.790	0.643	0.876	0.748	0.78	0.64	0.795	0.65
"	Cl	0.808	0.275	0.735	0.271	0.74	0.15	0.78	0.18
"	Br	0.877	0.130	0.902	0.112	0.79	0	0.838	-0.023
"	I	0.968	-0.055	1.033	-0.092	0.90	-0.19	1.005	-0.20
"	NO <sub>2</sub>	0.677	-0.627	0.613	-0.684	0.47	-0.76	0.545	-0.75
"	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.823	0.418	0.875	0.454	0.81	0.39		
CH <sub>3</sub>	"	0.288		0.29		0.30			
"	Cl	0.250	0.110	0.250	0.107	0.23	0.08		
"	Br	0.305	-0.045	0.317	-0.052	0.28	-0.09		
"	I	0.423	-0.257	0.448	-0.265	0.39	-0.28		
"	NO <sub>2</sub>	0.035	-0.825	0.028	-0.848	-0.04	-0.85		
Cl	Br	0.128	-0.092	0.134	-0.092	0.06	-0.16	+0.063	-0.198
Br	"		-0.027		-0.125		-0.11		-0.14
"	I	0.108	-0.215	0.106	-0.229	0.00	-0.30	+0.027	-0.317
"	NO <sub>2</sub>	-0.330	-0.783	-0.314	-0.821	-0.43	-0.87	-0.433	-0.867
Cl	Cl		0.065		0.067		0.01		0.005
"	I	0.258	-0.286	0.265	-0.296	0.17	-0.35	0.23	-0.375
"	NO <sub>2</sub>	-0.160	-0.870	-0.155	-0.888	-0.26	-0.92	-0.23	-0.925
CN	Cl	-0.203	-0.103	-0.203	-0.100	-0.29	-0.18		
COCH <sub>3</sub>	"	-0.577	-0.092	-0.573	-0.091				
COCl	"	-0.770	-0.157	-0.763	-0.156				
CHO	"	-0.475	-0.177	-0.473	-0.195				
NO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>		-1.147		-1.11		-1.19		-1.16
CH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	0.283	0.552	0.292	0.584	0.27	0.55		
OCH <sub>3</sub>	Br	0.567	0.043	0.611	-0.051	0.53	-0.12	0.513	-0.183
"	Cl	0.525	0.108	0.544	0.108	0.48	0.05	0.455	0.02
"	NO <sub>2</sub>	0.380	-0.887	0.322	-0.847	0.21	-0.88	0.22	-0.91

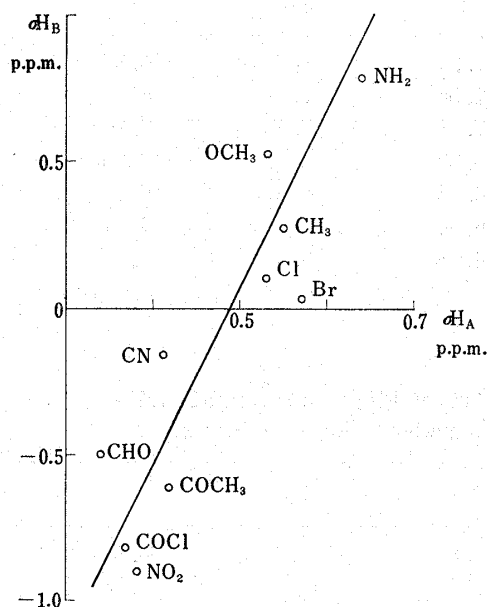


Fig. 1.

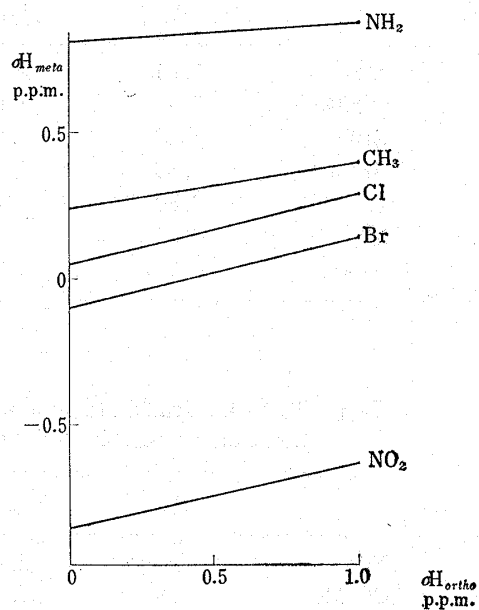


Fig. 2.

electron releasing, the ring proton chemical shifts are analysed by the first order rule (cf. Chart 1), but the other substituents make the splittings to coalesce into one broad signal.

TABLE II.

Substituent R	Schielding Ratio $\delta_{H_{meta}}/\delta_{H_{ortho}}$	Substituent R	Schielding Ratio $\delta_{H_{meta}}/\delta_{H_{ortho}}$
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.6/10	Cl	2.4/10
OCH <sub>3</sub>	1.6/10	H	2.4/10
CH <sub>3</sub>	1.5/10	NO <sub>2</sub>	2.2/10
Br	2.4/10		

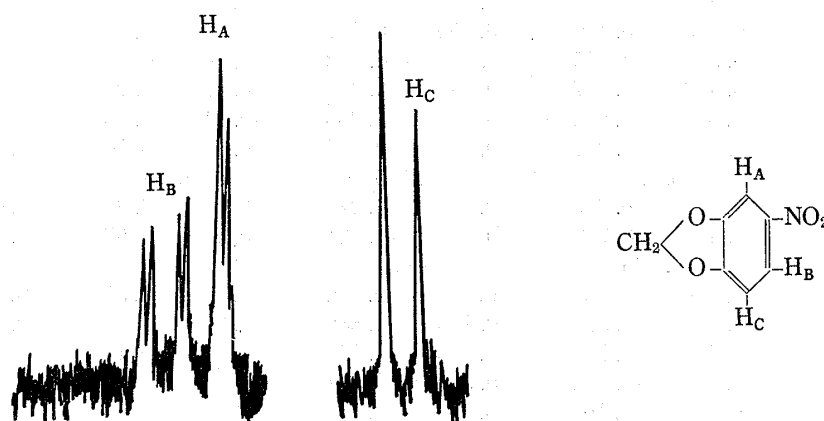


Chart 1.

In general, the ring proton shifts are in the following order, namely,  $\delta_{H_B} > \delta_{H_A} > \delta_{H_C}$ , as is illustrated in Table III and V.

TABLE III. Chemical Shifts (in p.p.m. from TMS) of Ring Proton and Coupling Constants (c.p.s.) in 1-Substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy Benzene Series

	A	J <sub>AB</sub>	B	J <sub>BC</sub>	C
NO <sub>2</sub>	7.61	2.4	7.84	8.6	6.85
CO <sub>2</sub> Me	7.40	1.6	7.56	7.9	6.79
CHO	7.27	1.6	7.38	7.9	6.90
Br	6.82		6.82		6.85
H	6.80		6.80		6.80
Me	6.64		6.64		6.64
NH <sub>2</sub>	6.25	2.3	6.08	7.9	6.57

TABLE IV. Chemical Shift (in p.p.m. from TMS) of Ring Protons and Coupling Constants (c.p.s.) in 1-Substituted-3,4-dimethoxy Benzene Series

	A	J <sub>AB</sub>	B	J <sub>BC</sub>	C
NO <sub>2</sub>	7.65	2.4	7.82	8.6	6.88
CO <sub>2</sub> Me	7.53	1.8	7.66	8.2	6.86
CHO	7.38	1.7	7.40	8.2	6.95
Br	7.01	1.8	7.07	7.8	6.72
H	6.65	1.2	6.65	7.8	6.65
Me	6.74		6.74		6.74
NH <sub>2</sub>	6.28	2.4	6.20	8.2	6.68

Hitherto, in polysubstituted benzene series, it has been suggested that ring proton chemical shift could be calculated by the simple sum method of the shielding parameter, and to confirm the above proposal, the calculated and observed shift in these 2 series has been examined. Shifts were calculated from H. Spiesscke and W.G. Schneider's<sup>1)</sup> and J.S. Martin and B.P. Dailey's<sup>2)</sup> parameters, which are proved favorable for the practical purpose (cf. Table V).

TABLE V. Comparison between the Observed and Calculated Shift

	Substituents	Observed <sup>a)</sup>		Calculated	
				A	B
H <sub>A</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	-0.23	-0.27	-0.37	-0.47
	CHO	+0.11	0	+0.05	-0.10
	Br	+0.56	+0.37	+0.43	+0.25
	Me	+0.74	+0.64	+0.77	+0.77
	MeO		+0.84	+1.07	+0.90
	NH <sub>2</sub>	+1.13	+1.10	+1.36	+1.23
H <sub>B</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	-0.46	-0.44	-0.43	-0.54
	CHO	0.00	-0.02	-0.02	-0.17
	Br	+0.56	+0.31	+0.36	+0.19
	Me	+0.74	+0.64	+0.70	+0.70
	MeO		+0.97	+1.00	+0.84
	NH <sub>2</sub>	+1.30	+1.18	+1.29	+1.17
H <sub>C</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	+0.53	+0.50	+0.43	+0.27
	CHO	+0.48	+0.43	+0.39	+0.25
	Br	+0.53	+0.66	+0.72	+0.56
	Me	+0.74	+0.64	+0.70	+0.70
	MeO		+0.54	+0.70	+0.51
	NH <sub>2</sub>	+0.81	+0.70	+0.86	+0.68

The shifts were calculated from A: J.S. Martin, B.P. Dailey's<sup>2)</sup> and B: H. Spiesscke, W.G. Schneider's<sup>1)</sup> parameters respectively.

a) Shifts are measured in p.p.m. relative to benzene (7.37 p.p.m.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

In the dimethoxy benzene series the chemical shifts  $\delta_{H_A}$ ,  $\delta_{H_B}$ , and  $\delta_{H_C}$  are shown by the simple sum of the shielding parameter as follows:

$$\delta_{H_A} = d_o - R + d_o - OCH_3 + d_m - OCH_3 \quad (1)$$

$$\delta_{H_B} = d_o - R + d_m - OCH_3 + d_p - OCH_3 \quad (2)$$

$$\delta_{H_C} = d_m - R + d_o - OCH_3 + d_m - OCH_3 \quad (3)$$

As is shown in the above section, there is disclosed a linear correlation between 2 parameters  $d_o(R)/d_m(R)$ . Consequently, from (1), (2) and (3) there must be established 3 linear relations among  $\delta_{H_A}$ ,  $\delta_{H_B}$ , and  $\delta_{H_C}$  (cf. Fig. 3,4).

And from the gradients of a set of 3 lines, it is assumed that in the electron releasing substituent series H<sub>A</sub> and H<sub>B</sub> are 5~6 times more shielded than H<sub>C</sub> and the relation is reversed in the electron attracting substituents series. This is an interesting evidence in contrast with the chemical reactivities in these two series, and

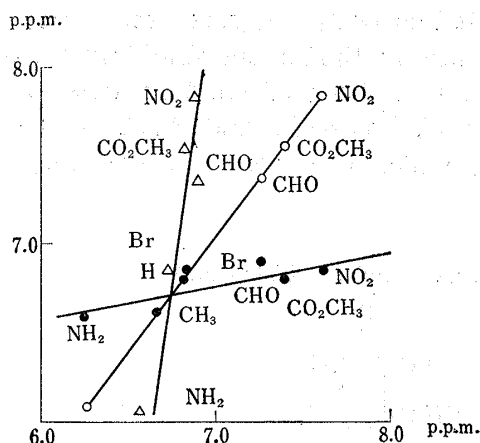


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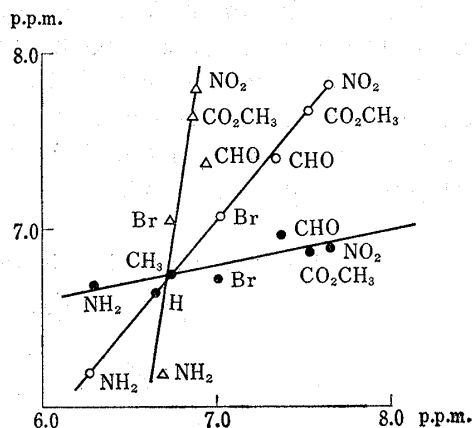


Fig. 4.

Correlations among  $\delta_{\text{HA}}$ ,  $\delta_{\text{HB}}$ , and  $\delta_{\text{HC}}$  in 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxybenzene series.

○:  $\delta_{\text{HB}}/\delta_{\text{HA}}$     △:  $\delta_{\text{HB}}/\delta_{\text{HC}}$     ●:  $\delta_{\text{HC}}/\delta_{\text{HA}}$

an attempt is now being made to criticize the above results from the molecular orbital considerations.

Moreover, from the practical point of view, the shielding effect of the methylenedioxy group could be assumed approximately equal to that of dimethoxyl group, and considering the structural features in both system, it is concluded that the shielding effects of these groups are determined by 2 oxygen atoms attached to the benzene nucleus. Therefore, we can ignore the contribution from the alkyl residues. This results will be useful for the estimation of the ring proton chemical shift in the aromatic compounds with alkoxy functions.

## II. Coupling Constants in 1-Substituted-3,4-Dimethoxy Benzene Series

Several papers<sup>1,2,7-9)</sup> are presented on the physicoorganic meaning of the coupling constant. As is shown in Fig. 5, there can be found linear relations between the coupl-

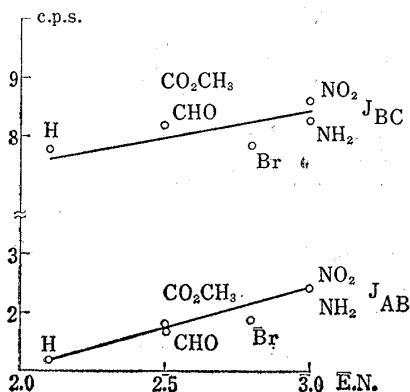


Fig. 5. Correlation between the Coupling Constants in 1-Substituted-3,4-dimethoxybenzene Series and Electronegativities.

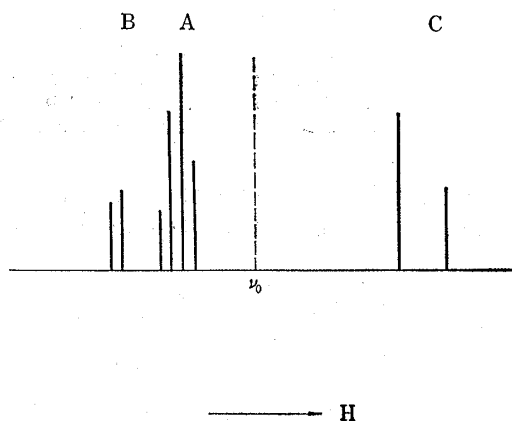


Fig. 6. Example 1-Methyl Veratrate

ing constants and the electronegativities of the atom attached to the ring carbon, then the observed ranges in the coupling constants are accord with the theoretical estimates

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8) P. E. Cox: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **85**, 382 (1963).

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proposed by H. M. McConnell<sup>7)</sup> and others,<sup>8,9)</sup> who suggest that these are dependent on the changes in molecular orbitals, but the details of which will be discussed later.

### III. Analyses of the Spectra

In this work, the analyses of the ring proton chemical shifts, and coupling constants in 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy and 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene derivatives are established.

In our case, the ring proton splitting belongs to the so-called ABC 3 spin system and the 6 spectral parameters—chemical shifts  $\delta_{HA}$ ,  $\delta_{HB}$ ,  $\delta_{HC}$  and coupling constant  $J_{AB}$ ,  $J_{BC}$ ,  $J_{CA}$ —are all variables. Moreover, the small chemical shift differences are unfavorable in the spin decoupling experiment, and in the deuterium exchange experiment the disappeared signal signifies not always the correct shift and coupling constant. Consequently, in the analysis of ABC 3 spin system, the spectral parameters are usually determined by an iterative method using a computer. Recently, T. Hirashima, *et al.*<sup>10)</sup> established the practical inspection method of ABC 3 spin system in the case of strong coupling from estimating the experimental “dispersion”  $\Delta_{\text{exptl.}}$  and calculated “dispersion”  $\Delta_{\text{cal.}}$ . Now we applied this method of analysis in the case of weak coupling and obtained favorable results.

#### 1) Method of Inspection

Spectra were analysed in the case of weak coupling.

The details are as follows.

From the splitting patterns,  $\nu_0$  ..... center of the spectral lines ..... is estimated.

$$\nu_0 = \nu_i / n$$

where  $\nu_1 = \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \dots, \nu_{11}, \nu_{12}$  ..... chemical shifts of spectral lines.

$n$  = number of spectral lines.

The 3 combination line, which are often unobservable on account of their weak intensities, must be found at  $-2\nu_A$ ,  $-2\nu_B$  and  $-2\nu_C$ <sup>11)</sup> respectively.

Then from the experimental evidence, the experimental “dispersion”  $\Delta_{\text{exptl.}}$  is

$$\Delta_{\text{exptl.}} = \frac{\{\sum \nu_i^2 + 4(\nu_A^2 + \nu_B^2 + \nu_C^2) - 15\nu_0^2\}^{1/2}}{15}$$

On the other hand,  $\nu_A, \nu_B, \nu_C, J_{AB}, J_{BC}, J_{CA}$  give the calculated “dispersion”  $\Delta_{\text{cal.}}$  as follows :

$$\Delta_{\text{cal.}} = \frac{\{8(\nu_A^2 + \nu_B^2 + \nu_C^2) + 3/16(J_{AB} + J_{BC} + J_{CA})^2 + 6(J_{AB}^2 + J_{BC}^2 + J_{CA}^2)\}^{1/2}}{15}$$

where  $\nu_A, \nu_B, \nu_C$  indicate chemical shifts from  $\nu_0$ , and  $J_{AB}, J_{BC}, J_{CA}$  indicate coupling constants.

For example the spectrum of methyl varatrate shows 12 lines, but 3 combination lines are estimated to be at  $-2\nu_A, -2\nu_B, -2\nu_C$  as shown by asterisks.

$\nu_1$ C.P.S.	$\nu_1$ C.P.S.	$\nu_1$ C.P.S.
$\nu_1$ +31.4	$\nu_6$ -9.3	$\nu_{11}$ -12.7
$\nu_C$ $\nu_2$ +31.4	$\nu_A$ $\nu_7$ -9.3	$\nu_B$ $\nu_{12}$ -14.8

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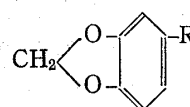
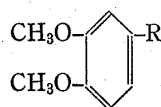
$\nu_3 + 23.3$	$\nu_8 - 11.4$	$\nu_{13} - 21.2$
$\nu_4 + 23.3$	$\nu_9 - 11.4$	$\nu_{14} - 22.9$
$\nu_{10}^* - 54.7$	$\nu_{10}^* + 20.7$	$\nu_{15}^* + 35.8$

$\Delta$  exptl. = 6.53 c.p.s.

$\nu_C + 27.4$ c.p.s.	$J_{AB} 2.14$ c.p.s.
$\nu_A - 10.4$ c.p.s.	$J_{BC} 8.15$ c.p.s.
$\nu_B - 18.4$ c.p.s.	$J_{CA} 0.$ c.p.s.
$\Delta$ cal. = 6.54 c.p.s.	

The  $\Delta$  exptl. and  $\Delta$  cal. values in the 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy- and 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene series are summarized as follows: (cf. Table VI)

TABLE VI.



R	$\Delta$ exptl.	$\Delta$ cal.	$\Delta$ exptl.	$\Delta$ cal.
NO <sub>2</sub>	8.21	8.24	8.26	8.30
CO <sub>2</sub> Me	6.53	6.54	6.66	6.66
COCH <sub>3</sub>	6.11	6.12		
CHO	4.20	4.25	4.12	4.08
Br	2.80	2.78		
NHAc	2.62	2.66		
OCH <sub>3</sub>	3.70	3.79		
NH <sub>2</sub>	4.38	4.38		
CH:CH·CO <sub>2</sub> Me			2.38	2.42

solvent: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

The  $\Delta$  exptl. and  $\Delta$  cal. values in the Table VI show a passable agreement. Unfortunately, when the ABC 3 spin system gives a nearly singlet structure—for example, 1-methyl-3,4-methylene-dioxy benzene—the above treatment is unsuccessful.

Moreover, as is stated in the above,  $\Delta$  values depend mainly on the chemical shifts rather than the coupling constants in weak coupling cases. In spite of these limitations, this method of inspection has an interesting significance in the practical utility.

#### IV. Side Chain Proton Chemical Shifts in 1-Substituted-3,4-Dimethoxy-and 1-Substituted-3,4-Methylenedioxy Benzene Series

In the present papers, substituents R are all located on the para and meta position of the methylenedioxy and dimethoxy groups, therefore we have correlated the side chain proton shifts to  $\sigma_m, \sigma_p$ ,<sup>12)</sup> in the dimethoxy and to  $\sigma_m + \sigma_p$  in the methylenedioxy series respectively, and obtained 2 liner relations of an equal gradient (cf. Fig. 7). Consequently, we are able to estimate as follows:

1. The both dimethoxy and methylenedioxy groups has a substituent effect of the same magnitude.
2. The two vic. OCH<sub>3</sub> groups has no steric interference.

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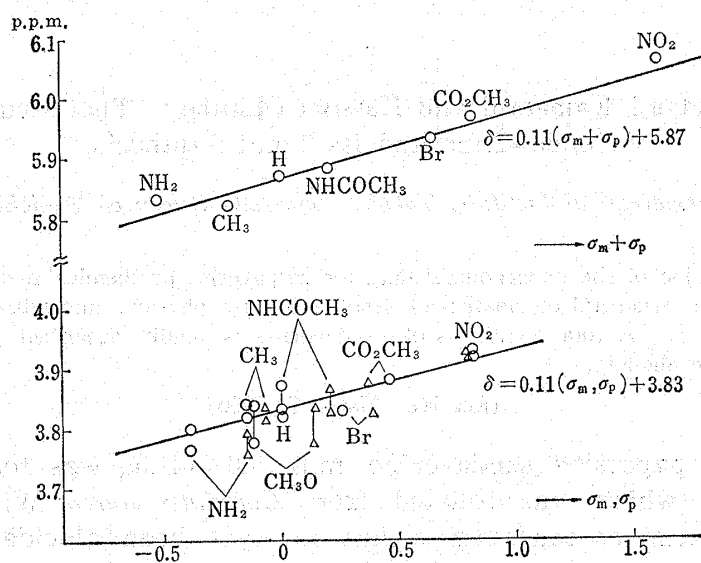


Fig. 7.

$$\delta = 0.11(\sigma_m + \sigma_p) + 5.87$$

Correlation between the side chain proton shift of 1-substituted-3,4-methylenedioxy benzene series and Hammett's constant.

$$\delta = 0.11(\sigma_m, \sigma_p) + 3.83$$

Correlation between the side chain proton shift of 1-substituted-3,4-dimethoxy benzene series and Hammett's constant  $\sigma_m, \sigma_p$ .

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